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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 2023l

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time into the first month after the response due date, i.e., until April 21, 2002, for responding to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2001.

A check for the appropriate fee set by 37 CFR §1.17 of \$110.00 is attached hereto for this Petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any Petition for Extension of Time fee for underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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